MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, on 25-4-1941.

Administrative control of the Ceramic Factory.

47. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the question of taking away the administrative control of the Ceramic Factory at Kundara from the Ceramic Expert; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the decision in the matter?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) The reorganisation of the administration of the Ceramic Concern is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

A. S. Ps. who know motor mechanism.

48. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state how many of the A. S. Ps. in the Police Department at present, know motor mechanism and what their qualifications in motor mechanism, are?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: All the Assistant Superintendents of Police know motor mechanism and they have also practical knowledge in the same.

Appeals from owners of motor vehicles.

49. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state what means of appeal the owners of motor vehicles have, in case complaints arise that justice has not been meted out to them at the time of the inspection of their vehicles by the Traffic Inspectors and A. S. Ps.?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: By means of appeal to the Registering Authority or to Government as provided for in Section 33 of the Travancore Motor Vehicles Act I of 1117.

Extensive Cultivation.

50. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether lands at their disposal have been assigned to Travancore agriculturists for being cultivated to make up for the scarcity of food stuffs caused by the present war situation;

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, the taluks from which, the persons to whom, the nature of the cultivation for which and the conditions on which such lands have been so assigned, with their respective acreages; and

(*c*) whether they have made any enquiry to ascertain the extent of land thus available in Travancore for paddy cultivation?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The attention of the member is invited to the Travancore Government Gazette (Forest Sheets) dated 22-12-1942, 29-12-1942 and 5-1-1943 wherein the available particulars are published.

(*c*) Yes. The estimated extent will be found in G. O. R, O. C. No. 11774/42/Devpt., dated 24-11-1942, published in the Government Gazette dated 24-11-1942.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ മറുപടിയിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റു ഗസറ്റിൽ പരസ്യം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നു. ഗസറ്റിൽ പരസ്യം ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള ഭൂമികഥമാത്രമേ കൃഷിക്കായിട്ടുള്ളു എന്നാണോ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതു് ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : A survey is being made and the final area will depend upon the result of the resurvey.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. The Government have now resolved that there should be no delay in the disposal of the applications on account of the survey. They have therefore allowed people to commence operations. The final amount due from them will be ascertained and they will be informed as soon as the survey is completed. In order to avoid delay orders will be passed on that basis.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know why the Government propose to plant these areas?

PRESIDENT : So that they may be taken back to the forests.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Are they still in the forests?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : They are within the reserved forests.

PRESIDENT : The idea is that the reserved forests—all the portions that can conveniently be cultivated—should be cultivated.

Lands newly assigned for cultivation.

51. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing

(*a*) the acreage of wet and dry lands newly assigned for cultivation, so that the problem of food materials may be surmounted under conditions of war ;

(*b*) the places from which such lands have been assigned ; and

(*c*) the acreage assigned from each such place ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) The final figures are not now available as survey and auction of wet and dry lands are in progress.

(*b*) and (*c*) The available particulars are published in the Government Gazette (Forest Sheets) dated 22-12-1942, 29-12-1942 and 5-1-1943. More areas are under survey.

Swampy areas.

52. *MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what is the total extent of swampy areas that are proposed to be given for cultivation ; and

(*b*) whether they propose to have these swampy areas planted up with trees ?

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